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1. US AND EAST GERMAN (GDR) DELEGATIONS, USING TEXT OF
DRAFT UNDERSTANDING (REFTEL) AS BASIS FOR THEIR DISCUSSION,
REACHED AGREEMENT ON JULY 24 ON A PACKAGE OF DOCUMENTS,
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EACH ELEMENT OF WHICH IS TO RECEIVE SEPARATE HANDLING. ALL

DOCUMENTS HAVE NOW BEEN APPROVED BY EAST BERLIN. US SIDE IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING TEXTS. NO DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN YET WHEN TALKS WILL BE CONCLUDED AND ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ANNOUNCED.

2. PACKAGE OF SUBSTANTIVE DOCUMENTS CONSISTS OF PRESS COMMUNIQUE, A TEN-PARAGRAPH AGREED MINUTE, AND A CONFIDENTIAL EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONTAINING THREE ITEMS GDR REFUSED TO HAVE INCLUDED IN UNCLASSIFIED MINUTE. (TEXT OF EACH DOCUMENT IN SEPTTEL). TWO SIDES ALSO CONCLUDED TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOL, UNDERSTANDING ON BANKING AND CURRENCY, AND LETTER OF INTENTION ON HAUS DES HANDWERKS PROPERTY (TEXTS POUCHED TO USBER AND EMBASSY BONN).

3. IN ADDITION TO WRITTEN DOCUMENTS, EAST GERMANS MADE ORAL COMMITMENTS, THE MOST IMPORTANT OF WHICH DEALT WITH CLAIMS PROBLEM. HEAD OF GDR DELEGATION (SUESS) PROMISED THAT INFORMAL CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION WOULD BE ESTABLISHED THROUGH WHICH CONFERENCE ON JEWISH MATERIAL CLAIMS COULD WORK. SINCE EAST GERMAN GOVERNMENT DID NOT WISH TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THIS OR ANY OTHER PRIVATE ORGANIZATION, CONFERENCE WAS ASKED TO WRITE TO ORGANIZATION CALLED THE COMMITTEE OF ANTI-FASCIST RESISTANCE FIGHTERS (KOMITEE DER ANTIFASCHISTISCHEN WIDERSTANDSKAEMPFER), WHICH SUESS SAID GDR GOVERNMENT HAD INSTRUCTED TO RESPOND TO THE CLAIMS CONFERENCE. AN ORAL UNDERSTANDING WAS ALSO REACHED THAT THE SUBJECT MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS WOULD BE LOSSES INCURRED BY VICTIMS OF NAZISM WHO ARE NOW US CITIZENS. IN ADDITION TO THIS ORAL ASSURANCE, GDR ALSO ACCEPTED FOLLOWING SENTENCE IN AGREED MINUTE WHICH WILL PERMIT US TO RAISE NAZI CLAIMS ISSUE LATER, IF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE JEWISH ORGANIZATION AND THE GDR RESISTANCE GROUP FAIL TO PRODUCE SATISFACTORY RESULTS: BEGIN TEXT. INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA WILL BE PROPERTY AND OTHER QUESTIONS WHICH AROSE PRIOR TO OR SINCE 1945 WHICH HAVE NOT OTHERWISE BEEN SETTLED, INCLUDING LOSSES BY VICTIMS OF NAZISM. END TEXT.

4. GDR ALSO GAVE US ORAL ASSURANCE THAT ALL PROPERTY
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ISSUES WOULD BE RESOLVED DURING
FORTHCOMING US TEAM VISIT TO BERLIN. GDR MADE NO DETAILED
COMMITMENTS.

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GDR NEGOTIATORS ALSO INDICATED
THAT IF US WISHED, TEMPORARY RESIDENCE FOR US AMBASSADOR
AS WELL AS POSSIBLE TEMPORARY OFFICE SPACE MIGHT BE MADE

AVAILABLE. DEPARTMENT REPS INDICATED THAT FURTHER VISIT TO BERLIN WAS PLANNED FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 12, BY WHICH TIME WE HOPED HAVE REQUESTED STRUCTURAL DIAGRAMS OF HAUS DES HANDWERKS CHANCERY BUILDING.

5. DEPARTMENT HAS BRIEFED FRG, AND SEVERAL OTHER INTERESTED NATO EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON ON STATUS OF US/EAST GERMAN TALKS AND PROVIDED GENERAL REVIEW OF CONTENTS OF DOCUMENTS BEING NEGOTIATED. NO MENTION HAS BEEN MADE, HOWEVER, OF ORAL UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED ABOVE. AFTER TALKS ARE CONCLUDED DEPARTMENT WILL BRIEF INTERESTED ALLIES IN WASHINGTON ON RENT QUESTION, WHICH WAS NOT RESOLVED HERE BUT WHICH REMAINS TOPIC OF SPECIAL NATO

INTEREST, AS WELL AS ON OTHER ASPECTS OF US/GDR NEGOTIATIONS. SPECIAL DETAILED BRIEFINGS ARE PLANNED FOR FRG, UK AND FRENCH EMBASSIES. INGERSOLL

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